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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Hou-Pu Chou et al.

Application No.: 10/734,963

Filed: December 11, 2003

For: MICROFLUIDIC PARTICLE-
ANALYSIS SYSTEMS

Customer No.: 20350

Examiner: Not Assigned

Art Unit: 1744

**REQUEST FOR EXCUSE OF ERROR IN
ESTABLISHING SMALL-ENTITY
STATUS**

05/15/2006 SLUANG1 00000012 201430 10734963
01 FC:1001 790.00 DA
02 FC:1202 3800.00 DA
03 FC:1051 130.00 DA
04 FC:1252 450.00 DA
05 FC:1464 130.00 DA

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Sir:

Small-entity status was erroneously established in the above-identified application without intent to deceive. Excuse of the error is requested. 37 CFR §1.28(c).

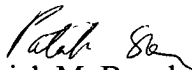
The following is an itemization of the total deficiency payment due, setting forth all payments erroneously paid as a small entity:

Payment	Small-Entity Amount Paid	Current Large-Entity Amount	Deficiency
Utility Filing Fee, Search and Examination Fees	\$385.00 (12/11/03)	\$1000.00	\$615.00
Seventy-six (76) Claims over 20	\$684 (12/11/03)	3800.00	3116.00
Late Declaration Fee	65.00 (7/9/04)	130.00	65.00
Petition for Extension of Time (2 months)	210.00 (7/9/04)	450.00	240.00

Total	\$4036.00
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It is thus believed that the deficiency amount owed is \$4036.00 Including the applicable fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i), the total amount due for excuse of the error is thus believed to be **\$4166.00** which the Office is authorized to deduct from Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Should the amount due be determined by the Office to be otherwise, the Office is authorized to deduct the determined amount from Deposit Account No. 20-1430.

Respectfully submitted,


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01 FC:2001 385.00 CR
02 FC:2202 684.00 CR

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07/16/2004 HALI11 00000098 502508 10734963
01 FC:2051 65.00 CR

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First Named Inventor	Chou, Hou-Pu
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Request for Excuse of Error in Establishing Small Entity Status
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Remarks	The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees to Deposit Account 20-1430.
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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

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Printed name	Patrick M. Boucher		
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